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Embassy should deliver secret following letter from President

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to Prime Minister:

QTE Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I was most pleased and grateful to receive your letter and to learn of your forthright statement in Parliament on the Cuban situation. Such prompt and vigorous support from your Government comes as no surprise, but it is specially reassuring to know that we can count on active assistance from our closest friends during the troubled days that lie ahead.

Sincerely

John F. Kennedy UNQTE

White House does not plan release letter. No objection to release Australian Government. Request 24 hours advance notice if release made.

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